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The Office Action of September 12, 2003, issued an election requirement between six allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Applicants elect to prosecute Species I of Figure 8, without traverse. Claims 1-9 and 14-26 are readable upon the elected species, Species I. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the above election. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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